

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1148

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION to honor Dana McWilliams on her receipt of the TSSAA Distinguished Service Award.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing an outstanding educator, mentor, and coach who understands that youth participation in sports is about much more than wins and losses and firmly believes that being a good person is far more important than being an accomplished athlete; and

WHEREAS, Dana McWilliams, the head coach for girls' basketball at her alma mater, Upperman High School, for the past twenty-eight years, has been honored with the TSSAA Distinguished Service Award in recognition of her many contributions to high school basketball and her ongoing positive influence on the lives of her players; and

WHEREAS, an Upperman graduate, Coach McWilliams enjoyed a decorated basketball career at Tennessee Technological University before returning home to Baxter as the head coach of the Lady Bees; and

WHEREAS, twenty-eight years later, her accomplishments at Upperman are legendary; Coach McWilliams has led the Lady Bees to eight State tournament appearances, five appearances in the State tournament finals, and two State championships; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these remarkable accomplishments, she has planted and nurtured an extensive coaching tree that includes both family members and former players while distinguishing herself as a leader in the community; and

WHEREAS, it can be safely said that the McWilliams family is deeply immersed in high school basketball; Coach McWilliams' husband, Bobby, serves as the head coach of the Upperman boys' basketball team; three of their four sons, Tyler, Austin, and Jace, are coaching basketball, while their fourth son, Koby, is teaching middle school nearby; and

WHEREAS, Dana McWilliams has won the hearts and souls of the good people of Baxter during her legendary coaching career while preparing her players for success both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, she is deserving of our approbation on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Dana McWilliams on her receipt of the TSSAA Distinguished Service Award, thank her for her ongoing commitment to the Baxter community, Upperman High School, and the Lady Bees, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.